on priority basis as thousands of people may be benefited therefrom, including unemployed youth, farmers and tourists?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no proposal to declare Shimla-Chirgaon and Rampur-Rohru roads as National Highways during the Elventh Five Year Plan Period.

Financical assistance for Andhra Pradesh Projects

*319. SHRl NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of the projects for which the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested his Ministry to provide financial assistance under Externally Aided Projects (EAPs);

(b) the number of EAPs of the State for which financial assistance has been released by the Central Government alongwith those for which financial assistance is still awaited, indicating the amount released for each of the sanctioned project; and

(c) by when Central financial asssitance is likely to be provided to the remaining projects?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) In so far as Ministry of Urban Development is concerned, the details of projects of Andhra Pradesh in the pipeline for external assistance are as under:

SI. No.	Name of Project	Funding Agency	Expected Loan Amount
1.	Andhra Pradesh Urban Reform & Municipal Services Projet	World Bank	$ 233 million
2.	Water Supply and Sewerage sector for twin cthes of Hyderabad and Secunderabad and surrounding municipalthes	Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC)	Rs. 2221 crore
3.	Outer Ring Road Project, Hyderabad	-do-	Rs. 2700 crore

The details of ongoing projects of Andhra Pradesh for external assistance are as under:—

SI. No.	Name of Project	Funding Agency	Expected Loan Amount	Date of Singning/ Closing	Cumulative disbursement as on 31.10.2007
1.	Hussain Sagar Lake and Catchment Area Improvement Project	Japan Bankof International Cooperation	Yen 7729 million	31.3.2006/ 24.7.2016	Yen 72.39 million/ 2.48 crore

In addition, there is one project "Green Hyderabad Environment Programme" which was taicen up with Dutch assistance but the Dutch Government withdrew their support from 31.3.2004. Since then, Government of India is assisting the project by providing Additional Central Assistance (ACA), details of which are as under:

Name of Project	Green Hyderabad Environment Programme
Terminal date	31.12.2006
Project assisted by Government of India	Since 1.4.2004
ACA released	Rs. 31.56 crore
ACA recommended for release to Department of Revenue, Government of India	Rs. 8.62 crore

The project authority has been advised to submit audited certificate from State Accountant General's office for further release of ACA and ACA will be released on actual basis since project period is over.

Andhra Pradesh Urban Reform and Municipal Services Project is pending for World Bank Board's approval due to non-repeal of Urban Land Ceiling Act by the State Govemment The State Government has assured that the Urban Land Ceiling Act would be repealed by March, 2008. Water supply and sewerage projects for twin cthes of Hyderabad and Secunderabad and surrounding municipalthes have not been posed for JBIC assistance which have, however, been included in Rolling Plan proposals. Outer Ring Road Project, Hyderabad was posed to Government of Japan for JBIC loan and JBIC has since appraised the project in November, 2007. The signing of loan agreement for the project is slated by 31st March, 2008.

Share of shipping industries in goods transportation

*320. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shipping industries' share in transporting goods is declining day by day in spite of growth of import and export by 20 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;